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Letter dated 6 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the written statement of the delegation of the Republic of Albania (see annex) in exercise of the right of reply to the written statement made by the delegation of the Republic of Serbia (A/61/375).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 8.

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Albania has been actively playing a very helpful and moderating role in the region and especially with regard to Kosovo. This long-standing position has continuously generated support of the efforts of all relevant international actors and contributes towards the solution of the issue of Kosovo. The same actors have recognized and explicitly expressed their gratitude for the constructive approach and contribution of Albania towards maintaining and securing peace and stability in the region.

Albania strongly believes that the situation on the ground in Kosovo would be better served if all interested parties offer their continuous support for the work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, President Marti Ahtisaari, and his mandate. The final status of Kosovo and the long-term stability in the region is not helped by unnecessary and unproductive rhetoric or other unilateral acts, but rather by respecting and abiding by the Contact Group Guiding Principles, fully grounded in the reality in Kosovo today and acceptable to the people of Kosovo.